characterized in that the laminations are assembled on a mount plate (19) equipped with bores (20).

6. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that assembly is achieved using a single shaft (17, 2) and an insert rod (22).

7. (Amended) An elemental lamination for producing a mechanical part, particularly a prototype, by assembly, characterized in that it is obtained by implementing a method as claimed in claim 1.

## **REMARKS**

Prior to examination, entry of the foregoing rewritten claims to delete multiple dependencies and bring the claims into closer compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c), is respectfully requested in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.115. Marked up versions of the rewritten claims are enclosed with this Preliminary Amendment, on a separate page, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c). early and favorable consideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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## MARKED UP VERSIONS OF REWRITTEN CLAIMS

- 4. (Amended) The method as claimed in <u>claim 1</u> [any one of claims 1 to 3], characterized in that the laminations are assembled to form a self-supporting structure.
- 5. (Amended) The method as claimed in <u>claim 1</u> [any one of claims 1 to 3], characterized in that the laminations are assembled on a mount plate (19) equipped with bores (20).
- 6. (Amended) The method as claimed in <u>claim 1</u> [any of claims 1 to 5], characterized in that assembly is achieved using a single shaft (17, 21) and an insert rod (22).
- 7. (Amended) An elemental lamination for producing a mechanical part, particularly a prototype, by assembly, characterized in that it is obtained by implementing a method as claimed in <u>claim 1</u> [any one of claims 1 to 6].